

COUNTRY East Germany		CLASSIFICATION SECRET		REPORT	
TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield				25X1	
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REMARKS					
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1. The following air activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield between 15 and 21 February 1953:

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16 February. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters which mostly practiced local flying with their landing gears extended. The sky was overcast at an altitude of about 400 meters. At about 4:30 p.m., ten MiG-15s were parked at the field.

18 February. Between 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity while the sky was overcast at a height of 600 meters. The aircraft flew individually and in elements of two. Eleven railroad tank cars were observed near the fuel dump.

19 February. Between noon and 4:30 p.m., MiG-15s flew individually and in elements of two. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of 500 to 600 meters.

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21 February. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was intensive air activity, mostly in elements of two and in formations of four planes. The sky was 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,200 meters and visibility was good. At about 4 p.m., 34 MiG-15s were parked at the field.

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2. The insides of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were being covered with concrete slabs. 2

3. Sedan and the following trucks were observed entering and leaving the field:

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4. Between 8 a.m. and 16 p.m. on 17 February, swept-back jet fighters were observed flying individually and in elements of two. There was a 7/10 overcast. In the afternoon, formations of four planes each practiced flying in an extended order. The same type of flying was observed on 21 February. Some flights were also made at high altitudes in or above the clouds. No air activity was observed on 22 and 23 February. 1

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5. In mid-February, no construction work was observed on the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments which seemingly were open at the front side, while the rear wall was slightly apart from the side walls. All the revetments observed were lined with concrete slabs on their insides. ²

6. On 23 February, [] three radio installations were located northwest of Kalkreuth. The first installation consisted of a mast, about 20 meters high and braced at three points, with a small cabin at its side. West of this cabin, there were two low wooden buildings one of which was used as quarters. The second radio installation consisted of a 15-meter-high mast and a shed at its side. The third radio installation consisted of four masts arranged in a square with a shed in the middle. Two telephone wires on five auxiliary telegraph poles were strung from the Polbern road to the shed. The wires extended along the road on permanent poles. Truck [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, approached the radio installation coming from the direction of Polbern and, after about 10 minutes, returned being occupied by eight men. [] a location sketch of the radio installations. ³

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7. Throughout the day on 26 February, more than 12 jet fighters practiced flying over Grossenhain.

8. On 4 March, a number of shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were observed between the barracks area and the runway, and in the northern and north-eastern sections of the field. Two sets, probably radar sets were observed on the northern edge of the field. Trucks [] the latter loaded with round timber, were observed at the field. ⁴

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1. [] Comment. According to available information, a fighter division and two fighter regiments are stationed at Grossenhain airfield. Air activity is performed on the previous level. Aircraft [] are reported for the first time, [] was previously observed once in Koethen.

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2. [] Comment. The arrival of concrete slabs for the inner walls of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments was previously reported.

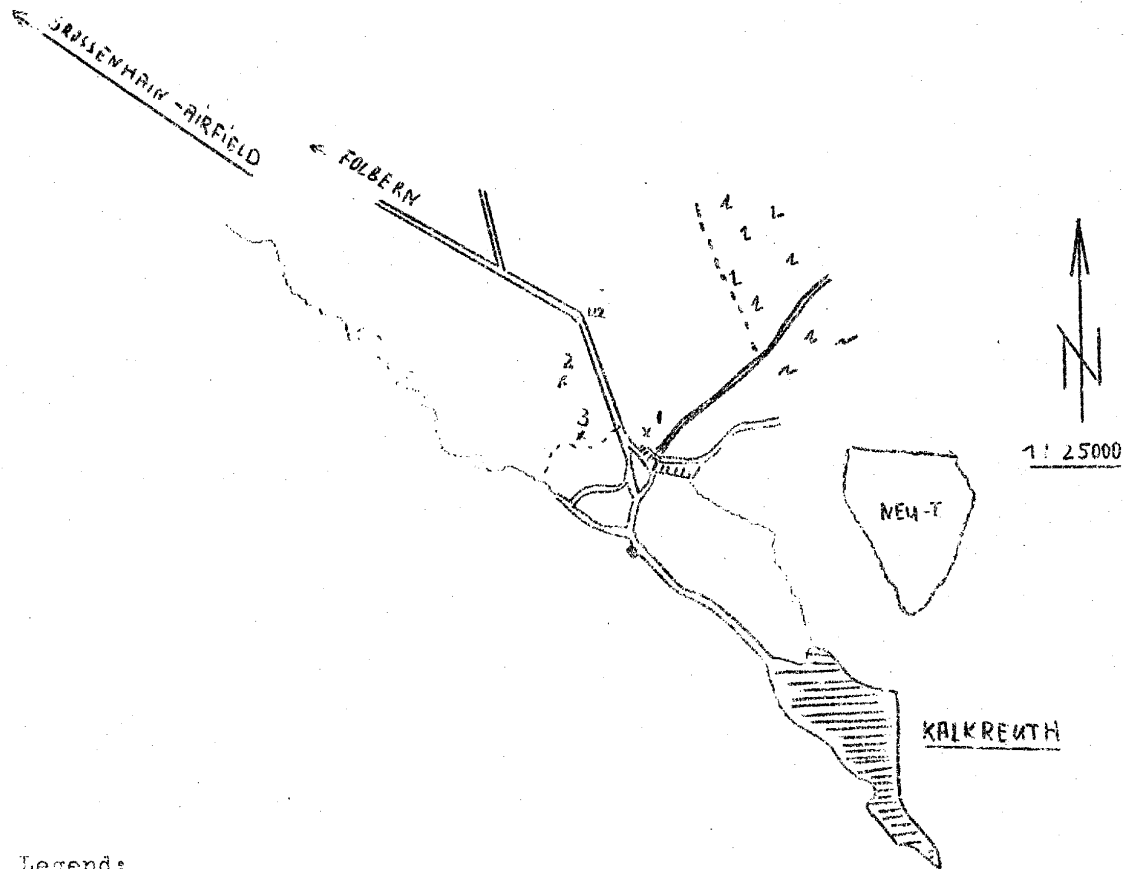
3. [] Comment. For location of radio installations, see Annex. One installation probably is the FKV-45 DF station and the other one is the outer low frequency approach beacon. The purpose of the second 15-meter mast is not known.

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4. [] Comment. The presence of radar sets on the northern edge of the field is known. Probably, one set is of Dumbo type and the other set is of SCR-602 type. These two sets were also observed at other airfields occupied by a fighter division headquarters.

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Location Sketch of Radio Installations
at Grossenhain Airfield



Legend:

- 1 Outer low frequency approach beacon
- 2 PWV-45 DF station
- 3 Radio installation with one mast 15 meters high

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